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Letter dated 21 December 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Timor-Leste to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit a letter addressed to you by Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão, President of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, Francisco Guterres "Luolo", President of the National Parliament and José Ramos Horta, Prime Minister of Timor-Leste (see annex).

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Sofia **Borges**
Chargé d'affaires

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Annex to the letter dated 21 December 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Timor-Leste to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

[Dili, 7 December 2006]

With presidential and legislative elections planned for the end of the first semester of next year, we are concerned with the unstable security conditions that still affect some areas of the country,

For this reason it is our intention to see the present United Nations police deployment reinforced by a further integrated police unit, to ensure the elections are held in a secure and peaceful environment.

We believe that Portugal's Guarda Nacional Republicana (GNR), given the outstanding contribution it made to the normalization of the security situation in Dili since July, and the exceptional role it played while integrated in the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor mission between 2000 and 2002, fulfils the essential requirements for such a mission.

The professionalism of GNR, its deep knowledge of the country and population, the respect and admiration it earned from the Timorese people, makes it imperative that we ask Portugal to deploy to Timor-Leste a second company of the force.

Excellency, I reiterate our thanks for your support for the people of Timor-Leste and trust we can count on your continuing support in meeting this critical requirement for an extra GNR unit.

(*Signed*) Kay Rala Xanana **Gusmão**
President of the Republic

(*Signed*) Francisco **Guterres** "Lu-Olo"
President of the National Parliament

(*Signed*) José **Ramos-Horta**
Prime Minister